

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
INFORMATION PAPER**

SERVICE/AGENCY: U. S. NAVY

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

BUDGET ACTIVITY:

SUBJECT: EA-18G & F/A-18 DoN Unfunded Priorities List - Q1 Info paper on
Hornet/Growler requirements

DATE: 10 March 2014

1. QUESTION/REQUEST: What is the Navy's plan for the FY14 AP funding and which of the 4 defense committees authorized or appropriated these funds?

RESPONSE: Although advance procurement (AP) funding was received in the FY14 Appropriation Act for 22 additional F/A-18E/F aircraft, the Navy does not have a requirement for additional F/A-18E/F aircraft, and therefore does not plan to obligate this funding for F/A-18E/F.

However, the Chief of Naval Operations has included 22 EA-18Gs on his FY15 Unfunded Priority List to Congress. EA-18G aircraft use the same production line as F/A-18E/F aircraft and the additional EA-18Gs would enhance Navy's ability to support the Joint Tactical Airborne Electronic Attack capability and reduce risk in a Joint major contingency operation. If Congress appropriates the additional \$2B required for procurement of 22 EA-18Gs in FY15, then Navy will request reprogramming of the FY14 AP to procure EA-18Gs vice F/A-18E/F.